

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter, which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, section 119 of the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below:

for Foreign Application

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2004200306	Australia	30 January 2004

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56.

## Power of Attorney


I hereby appoint the following attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, Paul A. Fattibene, Registration No. 31,694, and Arthur T. Fattibene, Registration No. 17,804.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled;

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Inventor: **Roger SMITH**

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Date: 17-02-2004